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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am very disappointed see that the federal government is contemplating taking action--in service of the largest internet carriers, which do not need extra help--to in effect reduce competition, which is supposedly what makes America great.

Smaller providers of internet and telephone service are not asking for special assistance, but are asking for a fair shake in the market. They can of course be driven to raise prices unreasonably if not allowed to compete on equal terms with the largest broadband services. As an 81-year-old retired person, I need the kind of pricing for both my internet and telephone service that competition makes possible. I do not want to be deprived of essential service in order to please the stockholders of large providers. It's simply not fair.

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